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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that three Federally owned cultivars of forage pearl millet, "Tifleaf 3," "Tift 8593," and "Tift 93", are available for licensing and that the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant an exclusive license to the University of Georgia Research Foundation. Applications for Plant Variety Protection Certificates for each of these cultivars have been filed with the Plant Variety Protection Office in the United States Department of Agriculture.

DATES: Comments must be received by no later than April 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA-ARS-Office of Technology Transfer, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Baltimore Boulevard, Building 005, Room 416, BARC-W, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Watkins of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone 301/504-6905.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's plant variety protection rights to this variety are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention, for the University of Georgia Research Foundation has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The

prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety days from the date of this published Notice, ARS receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

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Rural Utilities Service

South Mississippi Electric Power Association; Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to its action related to an expansion and repowering project by South Mississippi Electric Power Association (SMEPA) at its existing Moselle Generating Station. The FONSI is the conclusion of an Environmental Assessment prepared by RUS. The Environmental Assessment is based on an environmental analysis submitted to RUS by SMEPA. RUS conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental analysis and concurs with its scope and content.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence R. Wolfe, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, RUS, South Agriculture Building, Ag Box 1569, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed expansion and repowering project would be installed at SMEPA's existing Moselle Generating Station located in Jones County, Mississippi, approximately 2 miles west of Interstate 59 on Mississippi Highway 589. Currently in operation at this station are three 59 megawatt (MW) gas/oil fired steam turbines. The proposed facilities will utilize the existing plant infrastructure such as the natural gas and oil supply, electric transmission lines, and water system. SMEPA has optioned to purchase 20 acres

contiguous with the north side of the Moselle site to accommodate the expansion needed for the additional generating facility.

The proposed facility will consist of a simple cycle combustion turbine and air-cooled generator. The turbine will have a generating output estimated to be between 80 and 120 megawatts (MW). The FONSI includes a combined cycle facility also under consideration by SMEPA which would be designed and constructed at a future date. The combined cycle facility would have a generating output estimated to be between 80 and 120 MW. This phase of the project would be conducted in conjunction with the repowering of the existing 59 MW number 3 steam turbine at the Moselle Generating Station. However, at this time RUS is only considering taking an action related to the simple cycle combustion phase of the proposed expansion and repowering which it considers to be justified by need.

The new simple cycle generation facility would be made up of the following components: combustion turbine generator, fuel oil forwarding system, flue gas scrubber, demineralized water monitoring system, generator step-up transformer, station auxiliary transformer, medium voltage switchgear auxiliary station supply, secondary unit switchgear, including low voltage, switchgear, motor control centers, and bus duct.

The facility will be designed to operate using natural gas as the primary fuel and number 2 fuel oil as the secondary fuel. Natural gas would be supplied via the existing gas pipeline at the site. Fuel oil will be shipped to the site by truck and stored on site in storage tanks.

The future addition of the combined cycle facility would involve the following components: combustion turbine generator, heat recovery steam generator, boiler feedwater system, flue gas scrubber, demineralized water transfer pumps, continuous emissions monitoring system, generator step-up transformer, station auxiliary transformer, medium voltage switchgear auxiliary station supply, secondary unit switchgear including low voltage switchgear, motor control centers, and bus duct.

The combined cycle facility would utilize many of the existing